

Several bilateral workshops have been held in developing countries, including India, S. Korea, and Mexico; others have involved broader participation from the DCs. In May 2001, for example, a collaboration with ICTP and TWAS resulted in a workshop in Trieste that attracted about 50 participants from 20 developing countries, mainly from Africa and Asia. Twelve faculty from UCSB participated and full scholarships were provided for all the DC conferees. A similar meeting was held in Santiago, Chile, in 2002 and focused on Latin America. It attracted about 150 scientists from 12 countries. We are currently planning a workshop for African materials scientists, to be held in South Africa in summer 2004.

**Professors Rao (India),
Cheetham (USA), Lund
(Chile) and Solórzano
(Brazil) at the opening
ceremony of the May 2002
Workshop in Santiago, Chile**



International Outreach Comes to Santa Barbara

The UCSB-MRL has three Distinguished Visiting Professors (Kroto, Rao and Rühle) who participate in a variety of our activities, both in Santa Barbara and overseas. As part of our Educational Outreach Program at UCSB, we have recently launched a series of lectures for the local community around the theme “Science and Society”. The first two lectures were given by Sir John Meurig Thomas (Cambridge) on “The Genius of Michael Faraday” and Sir Harry Kroto (Sussex) on “Science and the Internet”. On August 6, 2003, we were fortunate to hear Ram Rao (Bangalore) give an outstanding discourse on “Science in the Developing World”.

Professor Rao’s lecture at the UCSB attracted about 200 people and received excellent coverage in the Santa Barbara New Press

